

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, between the title and the section heading “BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION,” with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/120,559, filed July 22, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,538,687, issued on March 25, 2003. Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 based on Japanese Application Nos. H9-197114, filed July 23, 1997; H9-201565, filed July 28, 1997; H9-206679, filed July 31, 1997 and H9-208123, filed August 1, 1997.